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Short Title: NCSU Plant Sciences Research Initiative.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR A PROPOSAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS  
3 ASSESSMENT TO ESTABLISH A NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY PLANT  
4 SCIENCES RESEARCH AND INNOVATION INITIATIVE, AS RECOMMENDED BY  
5 THE AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AWARENESS STUDY COMMISSION.

6 Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture has determined that each  
7 dollar invested in agricultural research returns about \$19 worth of benefits to the nation's  
8 economy; and

9 Whereas, 40,000 new jobs in the agriculture sector are created annually in North  
10 Carolina; and

11 Whereas, each \$1 million generated in the State's agribusiness sector creates 14 new  
12 jobs in the State; and

13 Whereas, a \$27 billion increase in the State's agribusiness sector by 2020 will create  
14 378,000 jobs and \$62 billion in spending; and

15 Whereas, North Carolina's Research Triangle Park is a global hub of agriculture and  
16 bioscience research that is home to many of the world's leading plant science companies and  
17 first-rate research institutions; and

18 Whereas, North Carolina is the third most diverse agricultural state in the country;  
19 and

20 Whereas, North Carolina State University has the strongest plant breeding and plant  
21 science programs in the world; and

22 Whereas, North Carolina can become the world leader in plant sciences by bringing  
23 together the resources of academia, industry, regulatory agencies, and scientists in the Research  
24 Triangle; Now, therefore,

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26 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

27 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to North Carolina State  
28 University the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2014-2015 fiscal  
29 year. The University shall use the funds to develop a formal proposal and economic needs  
30 assessment for establishment of a public/private partnership between the University, other  
31 academic institutions, private companies in the agribusiness and bioscience sectors, and State  
32 regulatory agencies, to be known as the "Plant Sciences Research and Innovation Initiative."



1               **SECTION 2.** North Carolina State University shall submit a copy of the proposal  
2 and report to the Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission on the results of the  
3 economic needs assessment by January 1, 2015.

4               **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.